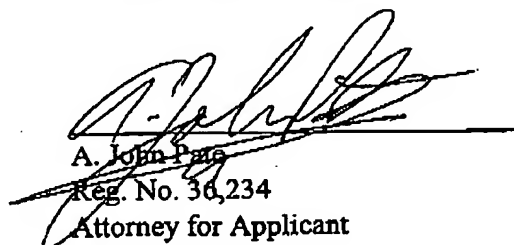


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 21, 22, and 26-36 have been amended. In the event that the examiner finds any impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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